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## The "Texas 98" Show

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\$ 15.00  
\$ 260.00

Associate \$ 6.00  
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## **TNA PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

**Kirk Mencer**

It's time for the TNA show in Houston!! I hope each of you will make an effort to attend at least one day between May 29 and May 31. The show is a sell out at 104 tables with a waiting list. The location is the Houston Marriott Convention Center on Westheimer. This is our single largest undertaking for the year so your participation is desired and needed. Don't forget TNA member's are admitted at no charge.

As you may recall the TNA was considering sponsoring a mid winter show. This has been discussed at the last two Board meetings. No member club was able to take on the multi year responsibility for so large an undertaking so the matter was put on hold. Subsequent to the last Board meeting the TNA has been approached by the Greater Houston Coin Club and the US Mexican Numismatic Association to jointly sponsor an international coin show. Rather than be a totally new show this would be an enlargement of the current Greater Houston Club show. The venue is set for the Astrodome Annex in January of 1999. The TNA's commitment and participation will be discussed and voted upon at the Board Meeting in May. I believe this is a great opportunity for the TNA to enlarge it's presence in the collecting community and a new show with a large international bourse is sorely needed. Please contact your District Governor with your input.

We are also planning an informal round table discussion after the Board of Governors meeting in May to discuss ways in which to improve the TNA. Please let me know your thoughts. This is your chance to have direct input into the evolution of the TNA as a numismatic organization. No final decisions will be made at this session but hopefully it will provide the basis for proposed action at our October Board meeting.

<b>INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN THE TNA</b>
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**Coins For A's Program**  
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## SECRETARY'S NOTES

Barbara Lowell

April-May

Welcome to members #6062 - 6077 The following applied for membership If approved, they will become members May 1, 1998

- J-6078 - (D-05) Chad Landwehr, 850 Chalfont Place, Coppell, TX 75019  
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Secretary  
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US Coins Barbara Edwards

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- |                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| R-2492 - Elton M McGuyer    | Where Needed   |
| R-4951 - Colonel Bill Murry | Where Needed   |
| J-5974 - Tnaya Pitzer       | Coin's For A's |
| A-4766 - Barbara Pitzer     | Coin's For A's |

The Texas Numismatic Association is a non profit organization and all donations are tax deductible Please remember the TNA with your memorials Estate Planning is something that gives people a great opportunity to contribute to worthwhile causes and organizations through their estate plans Charitable bequests can provide deep satisfaction and need not reduce the family's financial security A well planned estate gift can reduce death taxes When planning your estate make the TNA one of your choices

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"The obverse of the 1998 TNA medal features a Buffalo Soldier. These proud soldiers of the 9th and 10th cavalry served in Texas from 1867 to 1885. These soldiers protected the early settlements from hostile Indians, cattle rustlers, bandits, and bootleggers, and they maintained law and order along the troubled Rio Grande. Despite the numerous hardships and dangers, the Buffalo Soldiers provided a valuable and important service in the evolution of early Texas. The little known achievements of the Buffalo soldiers played a vital role in the history of our great state, as well as throughout the Southwest."

## **COINS FOR A's**

**Jim and Barbara Medford**

About 8 months after taking over the Coins for A's program, we can report that we have sent coins to 63 young people who were interested both in coins and good grades, and who sent us copies of their grade reports with A's on them. Since many of these young coin collectors have sent us report cards for more than one reporting period, we are very close to having sent out 100 packages of coins in that time. We were slowed down a little by a family emergency which called us out of town, and now have a backlog of 21 requests that we are working through. So, if you have an acquaintance who is waiting for his or her coins, they should have arrived by the time you get this issue. While some of our "customers" only send grades in once a semester, others rush their reports to us after each 6 weeks. Ordinarily, we try to get the coins started back within a week, and hope not to get backed up again.

Thanks again for all the help we have received from individuals and coin clubs. TNA District XI Governor Ken Horn relayed (via Mike Grant) a very nice gift of American cents and assorted foreign coins from the Golden Spread Coin Club in Amarillo. We apologize for being so slow about thanking the club for this collection, and plead the same delay as above. As soon as we have inventoried the coins, we will be writing the Golden Spread Club to express our appreciation.

We have begun to get requests for coins and inquires about the program from out-of-state young people, apparently the result of an article that appeared in "Coin World". To repeat something we mentioned in the last article, many of the students who send us requests have very specific needs. We always write them notes telling them we are dependent on contributions of coins from adult collectors, and can't guarantee a particular type or date. We still have more foreign coins than U.S., and still receive more requests for U.S. coins than anything, so if you have some U.S. coins that are not doing anything, Coins for A's can certainly find homes for them. But we, and the students we are in contact with, are appreciative of everything that is being done for the Coins for A's program.

**JIM AND BARBARA MEDFORD**  
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# TNA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

MAY 29 - 31, 1998

The Show is at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, 5150 Westheimer Rd., Houston!

**Thursday, May 28th** - Dealer set up day

There will be 104 tables set up this year, this room will not hold more, the show is sold out

The entire show room and lobby areas have been remodeled, and are beautiful

**Friday, May 29th** - The doors will open to the public at 9 00am

The TNA will hold a raffle for some exciting numismatic items, the tickets will sell for \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 13 for \$10, you might win something GREAT!

The TNA Silent book auction will run from the start of business on Friday to 3 00pm Saturday May 30th, in the front lobby of the show room

The exhibitors may set up their displays in the front lobby of the show room, please see Exhibit Chairman - Ralph Ross

We will have a ANA representative set up in the lobby to authenticate coins and help with grading problems

Dr. James Wiles, President of CONECA (Error Coins) will be set up in the lobby to discuss and appraise error coins

**Saturday, May 30th** - The doors open to the public at 9 00am

The Board of Governors breakfast will be in the restaurant at 8 00am, TNA members are invited to attend but will have to pay for their own meals

The Board of Governors meeting starts at 9 00am and will take place in a meeting room, TNA members are invited to attend. At the end of this meeting, there will be a round table discussion for the officers and governors to discuss ideas for the TNA as we move into the next century

## THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS!!

**AT 1:00PM** Dr. James Wiles will give a slide program on error coins, and will discuss errors you might find, this will be held in the same meeting room the Board of Governors was in

**AT 2:00PM** The Society of Paper Money Collectors will hold a slide presentation on "Small Size Gold Certificates" hosted by Frank Clark in the meeting room

**AT 3:00PM** The Silent Book Auction closes and the lucky bidders may pay for and pick up their books from Helen Snider in the lobby

**AT 3:30PM** The Token Collectors Society Of Texas will hold a round table discussion in the meeting room

There may be other meetings set up, these will be advertised at the TNA front desk

Sunday May 31st - The doors open to the public at 10 00am  
The awards meeting for the exhibitors will be at 9 00am in the meeting room  
The exhibitors may take the awards and show them with their exhibits  
The show closes at 4 00pm

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**April 1998**  
**Joe Olson - Treasurer**

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<b>INCOME:</b>		
<b>Contributions Income</b>		
Contributions-General	90 00	90 00
Contributions-Library Fund	20 00	20 00
Contributions-Newsletter	20 00	20 00
Contributions-Youth Fund	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
<b>Total Contributions Income</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>
Interest Income	131 92	136.43
Membership Dues	3,514 00	3,514 00
News Letter Advertising	166 00	166 00
Sale of Medals	1,222 00	1,222 00
Sale of Showcases	<u>150.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,343.92</b>	<b>5,348.43</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>Medal Officer</b>		
Cost of Medals	1,500 00	1,500 00
Medal Officer-Other	<u>122.55</u>	<u>122.55</u>
<b>Total Medal Officer</b>	<b>1,622 55</b>	<b>1,622 55</b>
<b>Office of the Editor</b>		
Office of the Editor-Stipend	350 00	350 00
Printing and Reproduction	<u>1,065.95</u>	<u>1,065.95</u>
<b>Total Office of the Editor</b>	<b>1,415 95</b>	<b>1,415 95</b>
<b>Office of the Secretary</b>		
Office of the Secretary-Postage	0 00	323 68
Office of the Secretary-Stipend	<u>0.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>
<b>Total Office of the Secretary</b>	<b>0 00</b>	<b>673 68</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>3,038.50</u></b>	<b><u>3,712.18</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>2,305.42</u></b>	<b><u>1,636.25</u></b>

**Balance Sheet**  
**As of April 30, 1998**

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

**Checking/Savings**

Clear Lake Nat'l Bank	16,633.09
Hill Country Bank Austin	
Coins for A's-CLNB	544.34
ANA Jr Seminar Fund	1,268.25
Hill Country Bank Austin	35.50
Memorial Library Fund-CLNB	707.58
Hill Country Bank-Austin-Other	<u>343.69</u>
<b>Total Hill Country Bank</b>	<b><u>2,899.36</u></b>
<b>Total Checking/ Saving</b>	<b><u>19,532.45</u></b>

**Other Current Assets**

CD-Clear Lake National Bank	10,775.75
CD-Life Membership-CLNB	11,218.33
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b><u>21,994.08</u></b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>41,526.53</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>41,526.53</u></b>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY:**

Unrestricted Fund Balance	39,890.28
Net Income (loss)	<u>1,636.25</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>41,526.53</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b><u>41,526.53</u></b>

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This association is a non-profit, educational, and scientific organization founded in January, 1960, it is purely a mutual association, founded for the benefit of its members.

The TNA invites to membership all worthy persons who are at least nine years of age. Coin Clubs, Schools, Libraries, Museums, and kindred organizations who have a sincere interest in the collecting and study of coins, paper money, tokens, medals, and related items are welcome.

## PURPOSES

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell, and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

## ADVANTAGES

To be a member is to have fraternal affiliation with numismatists of your state, to know their addresses and collecting interests; to have the honor of serving visitors with the names of collectors in their vicinity; to participate in the annual convention; to receive the official publication. TNA membership offers prestige on the state level just as ANA offers prestige on the national and international levels.

## OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Each Regular, Junior and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members, to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. TNA News is the voice of TNA.

## CONVENTIONS

TNA will meet in annual convention. Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions. The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association. Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions.

Education exhibits are a vital adjunct. The opportunity to buy, sell and trade is provided for through bourse activity.

## MEMBERSHIP

Regular members are at least 18 years of age. Associate members are at least 18 and a member of the immediate family of a regular member. Junior members are 9 to 18 years of age. Chapter members are those organizations as listed on the previous page.

## APPLICATION

Applicants for membership must be proposed for membership by a TNA member who signs the application form together with and additional person known as a Voucher. A Voucher for an applicant for Regular membership should be an adult of reputable character who knows the applicant. A Voucher for an applicant for Junior membership must be a parent or guardian of the applicant. Applications for Chapter Membership should be signed by the president. Such other information as required on the application form should be given.

Chapter membership applicant should furnish this additional information:

1. Names and addresses of officers
2. Name and address of TNA Representative
3. Mailing address
4. Meeting date, time and place

## APPLICANTS

Names of applicants are published in the TNA News. If no objections are received within 20 days after date of publication, applicant is admitted to membership. Membership card is sent with notification of admission. The official publication will be mailed to eligible applicants.

## DUES

Regular & Chapter	\$ 15.00
Junior	\$ 7.00
Associate	\$ 6.00
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Mail applications to:

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Carrollton, TX 75007

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE  
TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC

I herewith apply for membership in the Texas Numismatic Association, subject to the association's Constitution and By-Laws, and tender \$\_\_\_\_\_ for dues.

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Collecting Interest\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant for Individual Membership

Signature of Proposer\_\_\_\_\_TNA#\_\_\_\_\_

Request Applicant Signature of Voucher

TNA#\_\_\_\_\_

Associate Applicant Signature of Family Member

Junior Applicant Signature of Parent or Guardian

Chapter Applicant Signature of President

For Use by TNA Secretary

TNA Action\_\_\_\_\_TNA#\_\_\_\_\_

Dues Received \$\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

## TREASURE OF XERXES

### HUGE HOARD OF SILVER BURIED CIRCA 450 BC

*And now, as he looked and saw the whole Hellespont covered with the vessels of his fleet and all the shore and every plain about Abydos as full as possible of men, Xerxes congratulated himself upon his good fortune, but after a little while he wept. His uncle Artabanus, who was with him at the time, asked about this strange expression of contradictory feelings. "I was thinking," Xerxes replied, "and it came into my mind how pitifully short human life is."*

*Herodotus VII, 45-46*

This moment in history described by the ancient historian Herodotus was perhaps one of the greatest military undertakings in history given the current technology. The accounts relate that the great Persian king Xerxes amassed an army of 1,700,000 men for his invasion of Greece in 480 BC. An entire city was needed to feed the army just two meals, and an entire river ran dry when they drank. And huge quantities of silver coins were struck to finance the massive military payroll and all the expenses of huge military operations. The Hellespont was the water way at least a mile wide connecting the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea and separating Europe from Asia Minor. In order to move his vast army Xerxes commanded his engineers, mostly Phoenicians and Egyptians, to build a bridge. To do this 674 ships were tied together in a double row and planks were laid over the decks. The planks were covered with brushwood and dirt to create a road. Xerxes invaded Greece and very nearly succeeded in conquering the civilized world.

As the Persians moved through northern Greece they were met at the pass of Thermopylae where the 300 Spartans led by Leonidas fought to the last man, and successfully delayed the Persian advance long enough for the Greek cities to prepare. Although Xerxes captured Athens, the Athenians had fled with their fleet to the nearby island of Salamis where the Persian fleet was defeated by the more experienced Athenian navy. The army of the allied Greek city-states, led by Spartans was able to defeat the Persian army at Plataea in 479 BC and effectively ended Xerxes attempted conquest of Greece.

Xerxes is long dead, and his observations on the brevity of human existence still applies today, even though we average more than twice the usual life span of the ancients. By collecting, studying and handling the coins of the ancients our human experience can be greatly enhanced. In our hands we have relics of great kings who commanded huge armies to conquer kingdoms now vanished. These huge treasures of precious metals that are now unearthed from the paths of these ancient armies are sometimes the only tangible links that we have. Now you can expand your horizons to the Fifth Century BC with a modest contribution to the Jonathan K. Kern Co.



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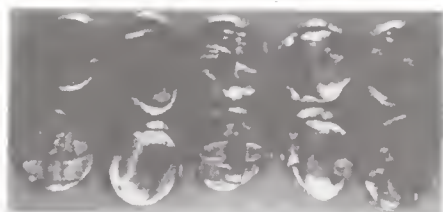
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# **"In God We Trust"**

**BY BENNY BOLIN**

In these days of banning prayer in schools and other examples of trying for a complete separation of church and state, people may wonder how "In God We Trust" became the national motto and how it came to be placed on our coins and paper money. The motto caused little notice when it was first placed on coins, but its deletion from coins created a national debate that ultimately led to its being placed on coins again. It was almost 100 years between placement of the motto on our coins and on our paper money and ninety-five years before it became our national motto.

The first proposal to place a recognition of God on our coins was in a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, S.P. Chase from Reverend M.R. Watkinson, Minister of the Gospel, Ridleyville, PA, dated November 13, 1861. He was concerned that the United States would be destroyed by the Civil War and that in the coming centuries, people would think that the United States was a heathen nation since there was no mention of God on our coins. He stated, "from my heart, I have felt our national shame in disowning God as not the least of our present national disasters." He proposed the motto, "God, Liberty, Law." On November 20, 1861, Secretary Chase wrote to James Pollock, director of the mint, "no nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in his defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition." The addition of the motto could only be done if a new law were passed as the Act of January 18, 1837 outlined what mottos and designs were placed on United States coins. In December, 1863, Mr. Pollock submitted to Secretary Chase for approval, designs for the new one, two and three cent coins. He proposed that the motto "Our country, Our God," or "God, Our Trust" be used. Secretary Chase approved the designs on December 9, 1863. He suggested that the two cent piece carry the motto "In God We Trust."

The congressional Act of April 22, 1864 changed the composition of the one cent coin and also authorized the two cent coin. It also authorized the director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury to decide the designs and mottoes that were used on the coins. Thus, the 1864 two cent piece was the first United States coin to carry the motto. The Congressional Act of March 3, 1865 authorized the use of the motto on all coins at the discretion of the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury. It was subsequently placed on the double eagle, eagle, half eagle, dollar, half dollar, quarter and nickel beginning in 1866. Secretary Chase died in 1873 and without his support, the motto fell on tough times. In 1883, when the nickel was redesigned, the motto was omitted and did not reappear on the nickel until

1938 At the same time, many people from the east who had gone west, especially to Kansas, fell on rough times Drought and severe depression caused many to go broke Their slogan became, "In God We Trusted, In Kansas We Busted " In 1907, when the double eagle and eagle were redesigned by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, he did not include the motto on the new coins President Roosevelt himself objected to the mottoes use on coins He felt that there were too many references to hard times playing on these words and their use on our money bordered on sacrilege He stated in the New York Times on November 14, 1907 "when the question came up, we looked into the law and found there was no warrant for putting, 'In God We Trust' on the coins I might have felt at liberty to keep the inscription had I approved My own firm conviction is that such a motto on coins does no good but positive harm and is in effect irreverence, which comes close to sacrilege Everyone must remember the innumerable cartoons and articles based on phrases like 'In God We Trusted for Eight Cents' and 'In God We Trust for Short Weight " The New York Times the next day stated, "the instances the President mentions show clearly enough that the motto had not, in practice, the effect intended by the pious Mr Watkinson and its' promulgator [Chase] " Public outcry was great and demand to restore the motto was high The Episcopal diocesan convention voted 131 to 81 in favor of restoring the motto to coins Many people did not like the new coins without the motto and the Reverend W A Jones of the Knoxville Presbyterian Church refused to accept the Christmas gift his congregation gave him of five of the double eagles He said they were "Godless coins" and he would never accept them Representative J Hampton Moore introduced a bill to restore the motto and to withdraw all coins without it from circulation on December 21, 1907 The House of Representatives passed the bill 255 to 5 on March 16, 1907 The Senate took it up and the "Congressional Act of May 18, 1908" was passed and signed by President Roosevelt It made the motto mandatory on all coins it had been on before Finally, the Congressional Act of July 11, 1955 made the motto mandatory on all United States coins President Eisenhower signed a Congressional Resolution on July 30, 1965 making "In God We Trust" the official motto of the United States

The addition of the motto to our paper money was only slightly discussed in these early debates During the Civil War years when it was suggested that the motto be added to the country's paper money, President Lincoln, being aware of the decreasing governmental gold supply and its' inability to back the greenbacks with gold, was said to feel that a more appropriate motto would be a quotation from St Peter, "silver and gold have I none, but such as I give thee " Nothing further was done to add the motto to paper money until interest was revived by Matt Rothert, an ANA president and avid paper money collector He says the idea came to him while at church on Sunday morning in 1953 He felt that since coins had the motto on them and since paper money circulated abroad more than our coins, a message about the country's belief in God could



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## A Few Words From The Editor

Mike Grant

We have an exciting convention and show coming up the end of May with new speakers and a lot of new dealers showing their merchandise. I will be there and am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting some new ones. Please make sure you see the new medal Frank Galindo designed for our convention, he has once again made a great medal that we can all be proud of. My hat goes off to Frank for these incredible ideas he has for our medals.

Speaking of new, I have been informed by TNA Governor Helen Snider, District XIV, that a new club has been formed in the Rio Grande Valley. The Cameron County Coin Club will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in Harlingen at the Narlingen National Bank. Helen invited the new club to join the TNA and they have voted to apply for membership. According to Helen it has been many years since there has been more than one club in the Rio Grande Valley. In the early 1970's there were approx. seven clubs in the area. There is a club in Reynosa, Mexico, which is part of District XIV.

We wish the new club well and will do anything we can to help them in their endeavors. This is a great opportunity for club members and fellow clubs to contact Helen and find out more information about this new club and introduce yourself to them.

If you have noticed coin shows around the state are picking up and most dealers are doing well. Maybe our slump in the coin market is over and will continue on the up swing for a while. I have attended only three shows so far this year but all three have been very successful. In reading the show reports from the club newsletters, I must say that almost all shows have performed well. Please continue to send your club reports into me and I will publish them for everyone to read. We do have a large number of people that enjoy reading about the clubs activities and shows.

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# TEXAS

## District Meetings



### DISTRICT I

#### **Mid-Cities Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)**

The March meeting started with an in depth explanation of the by-laws, this served as a second reading. Mike Grant reported on the raffle ticket sales for the upcoming show and member Merle Owens had sold 200 tickets. Gary Hill reported on the April 10-11 coin show and that most of the tables were sold. Jim Fitzgerald stated that many volunteer positions still needed to be filled. Jim Waite reported on the Las Vegas show that had over 400 dealers. Mike Grant reported that the TNA still had a few display cases for sale for \$30 each. Mike also brought up the National Coin Week and ideas of things the club might do during this time. The members decided to put into circulation obsolete coins from the late 1800's and early 1900's. The members agreed to purchase \$75 worth of these coins to put into all the mid-cities. The last item on the agenda was a labeling party to put labels on the 2000 post cards to be sent to people around the area for the upcoming show.

The Mid-Cities Coin Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, at the California Lane Church of Christ in Arlington, at 6:30pm.

--Mike Grant, Corresponding Secretary

#### **Fort Worth Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)**

At the April meeting there were 33 members and guests. Frank Provasek of Cansey's Coins gave a grading seminar to everyone. Contributions to the FWCC youth auction are still being accepted by Bob Mallet. National Coin Week has come and gone. The club received some very good publicity for the things the members did to promote this week. The Fort Worth star telegram ran an article on the 1937 D three legged Buffalo Nickel placed into circulation. The club put up color posters about National Coin Week in businesses around the city.

The Fort Worth Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, at 7:00pm.

--Bob Millard, Treasurer; Russell Prinzing, Dist. Governor

### DISTRICT III

#### **Key City Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)**

Jim Sanders called the March meeting to order with 13 members present. Calls

were made to prospective members and two people joined the club courtesy of the members. Norma Pippens won the doorprize but was not present so the dollar amount of the prize will double for next meeting. Ron Phippen gave a report on a few shows from Midland to Lawton with most reporting fair to good reviews. A report was given on the new gold dollar due out in the year 2000. There was also some discussion on the new state quarter program about to start.

The Key City Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month, at the Rose Park Senior Citizens Bldg in Abilene, TX

--Bob Kirkley, 2nd Vice President

#### **San Angelo Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)**

The letter starts out with the meeting date of April 9th. The activities start at 5:30pm, this is a good time to buy or sell, then the members can eat dinner and attend to club business. The major part of the meeting will be the plan for the coin show. Election of a bourse officer is needed, and everyone else is expected to help. The club members need to look for a place to hold the show and make a decision.

The San Angelo Coin club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, at La Casa Bianca Restaurant, at 7:00pm in San Angelo.

--Luis F. Reyes, Club Secretary

#### **DISTRICT IV**

##### **Williamson County Coin Club, (Club Minutes)**

President Kammer called the Feb. 5th meeting to order. Dan was appointed as record keeper and will organize everything on computer. There was a report on some immediate past shows. The Waco Coin Club tokens were passed around for everyone to see. The program was given by Les Fraizer on "Pilots Wings".

The Williamson County C C meets the 1st Thurs. of each month, at 7:00pm.

--Jeffrey Meyer, Secretary



#### **DISTRICT V**

##### **Dallas Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)**

The Feb. meeting was called to order with 23 members and guests present. Gary Hill announced that the ballroom for the Dallas/Mid-Cities Coin Show has only six tables left to fill. Mike Grant will look into changing the club's 501C7 status to a 501C3 status. Gary Hill asked members to participate in the ANA National coin week by putting old coins back into circulation. Member Scott Carlton had a letter appear in viewpoint of the 2/10/98 issue of the Numismatic News. Frank Clark made the motion to sell some of the club's medals in a classified ad in the Civil War Times magazine. Mike Grant gave the program on "Platinum".

At the March meeting there were 21 members and guests present. Tim Moehlman volunteered to be the Club's librarian. Lawrence Herrera volunteered to be the Refreshment Chairman for the second quarter. The Dallas International Center is up for sale, this is the building the club has been meeting in for many years, at the present it is not known if the club will have to move. Gary Hill reported that over 1800 post cards were sent out promoting the DCC/M-C coin show to people all over this area. Gary Hill wrote most local papers to see if they would promote National Coin Week. Benny Bolin made a motion to spend \$75 on obsolete coinage to be placed into circulation during NCW, this passed. Frank Clark gave a slide program on "Gold Certificates".

The Dallas Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dallas International Center (Preston Center) in Dallas, at 7:30pm.

--Frank Clark III, Secretary/Treasurer

### **Collin County Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)**

The Feb. meeting was held on Feb. 19th. The April Coin Show is sold out for April 4th. Volunteers are needed to man the front table and help out.

The March 19th meeting was called to order by President Roy Lyall, with 24 members present. A motion was made to allow a 3rd party auction to be held in conjunction with the show, this was tabled. The club renewed its TNA membership for another 5 years. Kent Driskell gave a program on the Fugio Cents of 1837.

The Collin County Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Steak Country in McKinney, at 7:30pm.

--Jim Ranes, Club Secretary

### **DISTRICT VI**

#### **Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)**



There were 35 members and guests present at the March 2nd meeting. Jim Bevill gave a report on the GOCC Spring Show, March 14 and the Bayou City Coin Show, April 18th. The nominations for the election of officers was confirmed, and the club will have an installation dinner April 18th at the Warwick Hotel. There was a \$25 donation to help the promotion of National Coin Week, other clubs have donated \$25 each to help with the promotion. The program on "Current French Coins" was given by Clayton Jennings.

The March 16th meeting started with 29 club members present. This is the last night to pay dues. Jim Bevill created flyers for the Bayou City Coin Show. Some items brought to the meeting include a \$50 gold coin, a Robert Kennedy Memorial Commem. set, a 1887 S Seated Liberty Quarter, a 1917 Standing Liberty quarter. Jennings checked for any new nominations for the election April 6th. The club was reminded about the T-Shirt orders. The club voted to combine the installation dinner with the GHCC. Brian Holand gave the program on "Old English Cents".



At the April 6th meeting there were 31 members and guests present. Jim Bevill reminded the members about the Bayou City Coin Show, April 18-19. The installation dinner April 18th. Jim congratulated the new GHCC officers on winning the election. Ralph Ross handed out exhibit forms for those members wishing to exhibit at the TNA Convention and Show, May 29-31. Members were asked to volunteer to speak to students about numismatics during National Coin Week. The officer elections were held and the current set of officers were reelected for another year. Tom Lucker gave the program on "Indian Head Cents 1859-1909".

The April 20th meeting had 26 members and guests in attendance. Members discussed 2 catalogs of auctions taking place this month. Members also gave comments on the Bayou City Coin Show. The program "Proof 1895 Morgan Dollar" was given by Michael Doyle.

The Bellaire Coin Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Bellaire Public Library, at 7:00pm.

--Michael Wolford, Club Editor



**Clements Coin Club, (The C-Cubed)**

The Feb. 12th issue starts with a letter from the President Bhavin Shah on the GHCC, Coins for A's, and a meeting to discuss cherry-picking. In this issue are articles on the winter Olympic's and medals produced by General Mills, and on the Cherrypicker's Guide that will come out in a two volume fourth edition the fall of 1998 and 1999. There are articles on the ANA Summer conference and on the exhibits at the FUN show in Florida.

The Feb. 19th issue covers the GHCC show and the exhibits by the Clements members. There were 25 exhibits at the show from the Clements Coin Club. Bhavin Shah writes an interesting article on the Minting Process that is very informative.

In the Feb. 26th newsletter is the point system the members the members are trying to use to get to 200 points to win a silver round. The members get points exhibiting at shows, attending coin club meetings, and recruiting members. There is a good article on US Commemorative Coins with horses, whales, and bears that Steven Roach borrowed from the Mich-Matist.

The March 12th issue has a Fable of a Tired Teacher - that starts out with "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." This fills a page with the fable, and if you want to hear the rest you need to contact the CCC.

The Clements Coin Club is our young numismatists club from Clements High School in Sugarland, Texas, also the largest YN Coin Club in the Country.

--Sini Jacob, Club Secretary

### **Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift)**

At the March 19th meeting a question was brought up about the Money Show expenses and income as to a separate account for the show, there is no separate account. Ralph Ross reported on the Clements CC and an exhibit award was presented to Eddie Johnson. Bill Hooven is the Bourse Chairman for the 1999 Money Show, he gave a brief report. Floor nominations were opened for the office of 1998. Ralph Ross was nominated for President, and Byron Paris was nominated for Treasurer. The new officers for 1998-1999 are: President - Ralph Ross, Vice President - Jerry Clemons, Secretary - Chris Johns, Treasurer - Byron Paris. Jerry Clemons gave the program on "Texas Commemorative Half-Dollar Coins".

The Greater Houston Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Buffet Express, at 7:30pm.

--Chris Johns, Secretary

### **Pasadena Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)**

The February newsletter starts out reminding everyone about the dues. President Bud Holton will appoint a nominating committee at the next meeting. Five new members were added in January. For the educational presentations Louis Whitaker, Dick Osburn and Ed Stephens talked about the FUN show in Orlando. At the Feb. 9th meeting Rodney Puckett will speak on "His Buying and Numismatic Experiences". The Pasadena club also has a Coins for A's program and 4 young numismatists were given coins in January. Bob Bing the Bourse Chairman is set for a November show.

The March newsletter stated the elections of officers will be the first meeting. Dale Friend will give the presentation on "Barber Half Dollars". The Member only prize is \$90. At the second March meeting a gold coin will be one of the raffle prizes. Ten new members were signed up during the Feb. meeting. The officers were elected and are as follows: President - Bud Holton, Vice President - Bill Chase, Treasurer - Bob Bing, Secretary - Annette Bing.

The Pasadena Coin Club meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 7:00pm in Pasadena.

--Annette Bing, Club Secretary

## **DISTRICT VII**

### **Alamo Coin Club, (The Alamo News)**

There were 19 members and guests present at the Jan. 8th meeting. The club voted to donate \$25 to the ANA Spring Convention. Tim presented a video of his trip through the Gallery Mint Museum in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Items brought to the meeting include, a 1922 light brown porcelain Notgeld from Swabisch-Hall, a bronze medal celebrating the 175th anniversary of the frigate US Constitution, a 1997 Marshall Islands \$5 coin portraying the Last Supper, three offset error 1995 dollar bills, and a 1847 Hawaiian cent.

At the Jan. 22nd meeting there were 23 members in attendance. The show chairman reported that 33 tables have been sold for the Aug. 29th show. Bill reported that the FUN show had over 500 dealers. Items brought to this meeting include: a cased set of silver Japanese train medals, a Meissen brown porcelain medal 1923 "For the War Memorial Church", numbered 58268, an Australian 1917 gold sovereign, copies of a coin price list dated 1877.

Twenty-seven members and guests were present at the Feb. 12th meeting. Rick Medina of Lone Star Coins and Collectibles, spoke on the subjects of the current numismatic market, pressure on the bullion market and some recent numismatic books. Items brought this evening include, a 1975 Singapore \$10 10th Anniversary Crown, a 1777 Mexican 2 Real, an off-center 1984 Jefferson nickel.

The Feb. 26th meeting had 24 members and guests present. Items brought to this meeting are, a gold 20,000 Reis dated 1856 from Brazil, a \$100 large FRN Series 1914, that Stalin counterfeited in Germany during the 1930's, a first issue 1 cent piece with a rotated die. There is a very good article by Harold Eiserloh on "Tynwald and the Isle of Man".

The Alamo Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Maverick Cafe at 7:00pm in San Antonio.

**Harold Eiserloh, Club Editor**



### **Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost)**

The Jan. 15th meeting opened with 20 members and visitors present. Some interesting items brought to the meeting include, a 1934 elongated cent featuring the Avenue of Flags from the World's Fair in Chicago, a 1942S Jefferson nickel with a die break, a 1977 Ethiopia fifty-cent coin, an 18th century coin from Mysore featuring an elephant, and a 1997 St. Eligius medal issued by Rick Craig of Canada with Frank Galindo's name on it. The 21st Annual San Antonio Coin Show will be May 9th.

Twenty-seven members attended the Jan. 29th meeting. The date and location of the upcoming coin show was discussed, May 9th and the new location is the Live Oak Center. Some items brought to the meeting were: a 1946 Vietnam five Ho, a 1945 Jefferson nickel with a worn die error, a token from Sanderson with a "good for 100 sheep" counterstamp, a 1866 double date two-cent coin, and a 1865 two-cent piece with a triple date.

The Feb. 5th meeting opened with 17 members present. Lou and Eufemia Rangel were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the club. Items brought to the meeting include: a 1943 Walking Liberty half dollar with a 3 over 2, a 1994 cent with a die break and a rotated reverse, a two-headed Netherlands coin featuring Queen Juliana.

At the Feb. 19th meeting there were 27 members. The program was presented by Dennis Berry, Jr., who works for the Federal Reserve Bank Branch of San Antonio. He spoke on "New Currency Features". Some of the

items brought to this meeting include: a 1914 \$100 Federal Reserve note, a 1981 \$5 note with an ink smear on the reverse, a comment medal of Martin Luther King, a 1938D over D buffalo nickel - MS-60, a two and one-half cent token from Leon Springs Dance Lodge and a WWII Campaign medal. The ANA National Coin Week will be April 19-25. There is a very good article on Medieval Coins.

The Gateway Coin Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, at Shoney's Restaurant, at 7:00pm in San Antonio.

--Frank Galindo, Club President

## DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Club Meeting Report Form)



At the Feb. 2nd meeting there were 30 members present. Sharon Rice discussed the show on March 21-22. Fifty-six tables have been reserved and a sellout is expected. Lamonte Pitzer reported on the Coins for A's program and that all the kids got the coins, and that people who donated to the program received nice thank you letters. Herman Jacobs gave a program on "Coin Glass."

The March meeting had a good attendance of 35 members. Former TNA President Ray Whyborn and Mary Jane Whyborn attended the meeting. Lamonte Pitzer reported on the TNA, and Herman Jacobs thanked Lamonte for his work as TNA Governor. Marty Parker gave a program on "Web Notes."

The April meeting consisted of the talk about the March Coin Show as a big success. There were 97 dealer tables and the club sold 1,445 raffle tickets. This was the largest show ever put on in Lubbock, many dealers reserved tables for next year. At this meeting there were 28 members and guests present. James Golden reported that the show set a financial record also. Dick Rice gave an interesting program on "Lincoln Cents."

The South Plains Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, at 7:30pm in Lubbock.

--James Golden, Secretary; Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

## DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



At the March meeting there were 26 members present. The club is taking part in the National Coin Week by circulating obsolete coins in the Amarillo area. The club is marking three special coins to be redeemed for a silver dollar from the club, the local newspapers will be contacted, and radio stations. A donation was made to the Alzheimer's Association in the name of Earnest Cummings. The club also contacted the cities around the Amarillo area for proclamations from the mayors on National Coin Week. Displays will be set up in different locations around the area. NationsBank will have one on Fractional Currency. The club also donates to many nonprofit and in 1997

gave \$1,200 to the Raymond & End Bates Scholarship Fund at WTA&MU. donations this year reached \$1,800. Other donations made include the United Fund, Empty Stocking Fund, Salvation Army, and St. Anthony Hospice. Most of the money comes from the annual coin show.

The April program was given by Ted Winton on "Type Sets". There were 18 members present at this meeting. Some items brought to the meeting include, a Mercury dime a Jr. numismatist received from the Coins for A's program, a 1908S Indian Head penny, a 1939 Worlds Fair token and Widow's Mite, a Brazilian 960 Reis struck over a Spanish 8 Reals, and a 1934 to 1945 Mercury dime set.

The Golden Spread Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, in the Presidents room of NationsBank in Amarillo, at 7:00pm.

--Ken Horn, Editor

## DISTRICT XIII

### Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp club, (Club Newsletter)



The Feb. newsletter starts by telling that the program will be a "Show and Tell" session, and each member should bring their favorite numismatic or philatelic treasure to share. In January the club members voted to change the club's name to the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club. This will give the club a definite location in Wichita Falls and will put coins as the main theme and stamps secondary. A charter was drafted for the club, the club has operated many years without a constitution, by-laws or standing rules. The club needs these items should it incorporate or file for a tax exempt status. Club member Gene Wheeler is on a church sponsored mission to San Cristobol, Venezuela. One of the school teachers has his students send their report cards to the TNA Coins for A's program and they are receiving some nice items.

In the March newsletter the meeting this month will be a buy-sell-swap-trade-haggle-or-give-away night. The club will vote on the new charter at this meeting. There is an article on the 1998 Kennedy Collector set and another on the gold colored circulating dollar coin planned in the year 2000.

The Wichita River Coin & Stamp club meets the 4th Thurs. of each month at the Beverly Dr. United Methodist Church, at 7:30pm in Wichita Falls.

--Raymond E. Whyborn, Secretary

## DISTRICT XIV

### Hidalgo Coin Club, (Club Report)

The club has had very good attendance the first three months of the year with an average of 30 members per meeting. In January the 1998 officers were elected as follows: President - Richard Dixon, Vice president - Don Higgins, Treasurer - Annette Fortson, Secretary - Helen Smider. The club celebrated its 37th anniversary with 36 members present for cake and games.

At the Feb. 3rd meeting David Busse gave the program on Philip the 3rd Coins of Mexico

In March Mike DiGennaro reported on the 10th Annual Coin and Collectible Show held in Pharr, TX in February. Over 400 people attended the one day show, and most dealers were happy. The auction at both the Feb. and March meetings were very good with most people selling all the items they put up for auction. Helen Snider asked that members bring their excess numismatic books and literature for the Silent Auction at the TNA convention the last weekend in May. The club is also donating several books.

**-Helen Snider, Club Secretary**

## **DISTRICT XV**

### **Beaumont Coin Club, (My Two Bits)**

President Judy Matherne called the Feb. 19th meeting to order with 16 members and guests present. Judy reminded everyone that the Orange CC show is March 14th. The fall show will be on Oct. 3rd and 4th at the Holiday Inn in Beaumont. Bill Stein encouraged members to submit articles for the newsletter. A Boy Scout Jamboree will be March 14th and Ed and Judy will attend to discuss Coin Merit Badge projects with the Three River Council Boy Scouts. Jonathan Levins gave the program on "Ben Franklin Half Dollars."

At the March 19th meeting there were 17 members and guests present. Reed Marton gave a report on the Orange Coin show. There was a brief discussion on the fall show with a modest rate increase for one of the rooms. Judy reported on the Boy Scout Jamboree, the turn out was lower than expected. A motion was made to increase the door prize money each month to \$25 this passed. The tax exempt discussion was brought up and tabled. Jerry Williams gave a very informative program on the history of the city of Beaumont and the surrounding area. The Beaumont coin club was established in 1954.

The Beaumont Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Lower Neches Valley Authority Admin. Building, at 7:00pm in Beaumont.

**-- Bill Stein, Club Secretary**

### **Greater Orange Coin Club, (The Double Eagle)**

The March 12th meeting was called to order with nine members in attendance. Reed summarized preparations for the 1998 Spring show. Jerry Williams discussed possible TNA plans for a circulating quarter design competition to commemorate Texas statehood. Jerry gave the program on the "US Mint History and how it was shaped by gold strikes in the East and West." The show report was given and was not as good as last year. In this newsletter there is a short history of aluminum, this is a very enlightening article.

The Greater Orange Coin Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Thomen Community Center at 7:00pm in Orange.

**--Charles Cagle, Club Secretary**

## Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, (Dollars and Cents)

At the Jan. meeting there were 12 members present. The following committees were appointed, Christmas, Auction, Nominating, Program, Awards, Show, and Steering Committees. The ANA, TNA, Representatives were appointed. Judy Matherne gave the program on "Edward Holland Robinson Greene".

The Feb. 5th meeting had 14 members attending. J.W. McManus gave the program on "Civil War Memorabilia". Barbara Edwards reported on the progress of the Steering Committee. Jerry Williams gave the report on the Houston Money Show. Volunteers are needed to man a table at the Boy Scouts Jamboree on March 14th.

Fourteen members attended the March meeting. The program was given by Jerry Williams on "Gold". J.W. McManus is looking for speakers for three meetings. Volunteers are still needed for the Boy Scout Jamboree. The 28th ANA Annual Conference Cruise was discussed. The Orange show is on March 14th and 15th.

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